upgrade and improve its existing treatment system. These include:—

(i) Installation of urea hydrolyzer

(ii) Installation of second DCDA process

(iii) Change-over to non-arsenic system

(iv) Improvement of the operation and design of the existing chromate removal plant.

(v) Strict control on effluent and emission treatment and discharge. The unit has already initiated steps in this regard.

Interviews for directors in Public Sector Undertakings

2308. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from Members of Parliament and others about the unfair mode of selection and interviews being adopted by Public Enterprises Selection Board for Board-level positions in Public Sector Enterprises, some of which related to the interviews held by the PESB in June, 1990;

(b) whether the PESB had granted interviews to persons in month of June, 1990 who had either not successfully completed their period of probation or had serious complaints against their candidature for the post of Chief Executives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. A telegram was received from Prof. Sourendra Bhattacharjee, MP, alleging that no advertisements were issued for filling up of the vacancy of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, British India Corporation and that only junior level officers were called for the interview fixed on the 20th June, 1990.

(b) No, Sir. Out of the 10 persons invited to meet the Board on the 20th June, 1990, two were full-time Directors in the British India Corporation, two more were Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of National Textiles Corporation subsidiaries, five were senior executives from the private sector with experience relevant to the British India Corporation and one was the Joint Managing Director of U.P. State Spinning Mills. All the candidates were eligible to be called *as per the established procedure.*

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, the question does not aries.

Commutation of pension

2309. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commutation value of the pension is granted on the commutation table of 1971 which is based on the then prevailing 4.7 per cent rate of interest and the mortality rate then prevalent,

(b) whether it is a fact that since thereafter both the rate of interest and the life expectancy have increased substantially;

(c) whether it is a fact that on the one hand commutation now payable is actually a sum total of approximately ten and a half years but on the other hand it is resorted to only after 15 years of the commutation, thereby recovery in advance is made for four and a half years which is approximately one third of the total amount of commutation by way of interest etc.; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a) to